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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT : DAVID KRANTZ ET AL.  
SERIAL NO. : 10/679,258  
FILING DATE : October 7, 2003  
FOR : MULTI-MARKER SCREENING PROTOCOL FOR FETAL  
ABNORMALITIES  
GROUP ART UNIT : 1631  
EXAMINER : Lori CLOW

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**Response to Office Action Under 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 2, 2006, Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time, extending the period of response up to and including July 3, 2006 (July 2<sup>nd</sup> being a Sunday). Applicants request reconsideration of the present application.